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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO 1449 Form. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and a copy of each non-patent document listed on the form is also presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience. Cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not included in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC 371 after June 30, 2003.

Applicants also wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached PTO Forms 1449 which list the documents that were submitted by Applicants in parent application USSN 09/531247. In accordance with MPEP 609(I)(A)(2), copies of the documents listed thereon are not included since copies were previously submitted in the prior parent application; however, Applicants will provide copies for the Examiner upon request. It is Applicants' desire to have these documents available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to review. Applicants, therefore, request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each document and make all documents of record.

The above referenced application was handled by outside counsel and has been brought back in-house. Applicants have been unable to reconstruct the following references as identified in the Information Disclosure Statement that outside counsel submitted on August 17, 2000, and which the Examiner rejected due to the references being listed under "Foreign Patent Documents" on the PTO Form 1449 instead of being listed under "Other Documents" on that form. Therefore, Applicants wish to withdraw these references from consideration:

JA-7317636-R 12.09.69 Japan (English Abstract)

JA-7245635-R 10.06.68 Japan (English Abstract)

GB Patent 1355846 is believed to be an English language equivalent of German Patent 2143014 and is being provided in lieu of a translation of DE 2143014.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein submitted materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-4405.

Respectfully submitted,

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	A6	5,126,382	06/1992	Hollenberg			
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	A2	Pine, Stanley H. et al., "Amine Oxide," <u>Organic Chemistry</u> , 5th Edition, McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, 1987, pg. 377.

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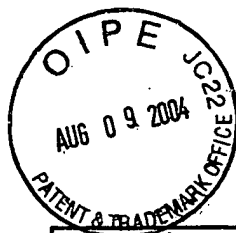
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